

Greetings,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen. I got to know the FCC when I was a kid in Jr High earning my amature raido licence. However, I am greatly distressed by how some of the other licences that you folks issue are being abused today.

With all the spin that is going on as we approach the Presidential election, it is vitally important that stations operating under public broadcast licenses actually do act in the public trust. This is why I am appalled at the Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their affiliate stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election.

This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I have heard them claim that this documentary is "news worthy", but they are clearly not even attempting to be "fair and ballanced" since they have no corresponding plan to air an anti-Bush or pro-Kerry documentary. If they air this, I think they should also air Fahrenheit 9/11, but clearly that ain't going to happen. Its truely ironic how warped this action is especially when just the other night I watched a very well

done (and well
ballanced)
documentary airing
on PBS's show
Frontline. This was
fair and ballanced
and informative and
was truely news
worthy. In
contract, I find
Sinclair's actions
to be utterly
disgracefull!

When stations such
as Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge they are
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. However,
when large companies
which are more
concerned about
their profits and
performance than
serving in the
public good control
the airwaves this is
not healthy for
democracy. The
Sinclair stations
are clearly
attempting to
influence the
election, and by
freely and fairly
informing voters but
rather by airing a
one-sided smear
"documentary" just
days before the
election.

I sincerely hope
that serious action
is taken with
respect to
Sinclair's actions.

Furthermore, I
believe that media
ownership rules need
to be strengthened
and enforced to
prevent such
blatent violations
of public trust
(Sinclair's actions
are not only
blatently political,
but given the Bush
administration's
overly "friendly"
attitude to large
business monopolies,

their actions to influence the election are also taken in their own best interest).

Okay, enough ranting. I thank you for your time and I hope that the FCC will take actions to ensure that this type of abuse of the public trust does not continue.

Sincerely,

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